

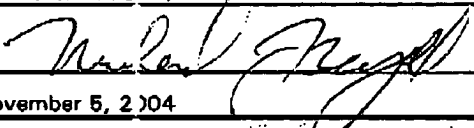
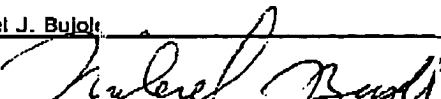
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In response to the official action mailed August 6, 2004, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 32, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 33-36 and amend claims 7 and 25-31 shown by underlining and/or the claims deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.